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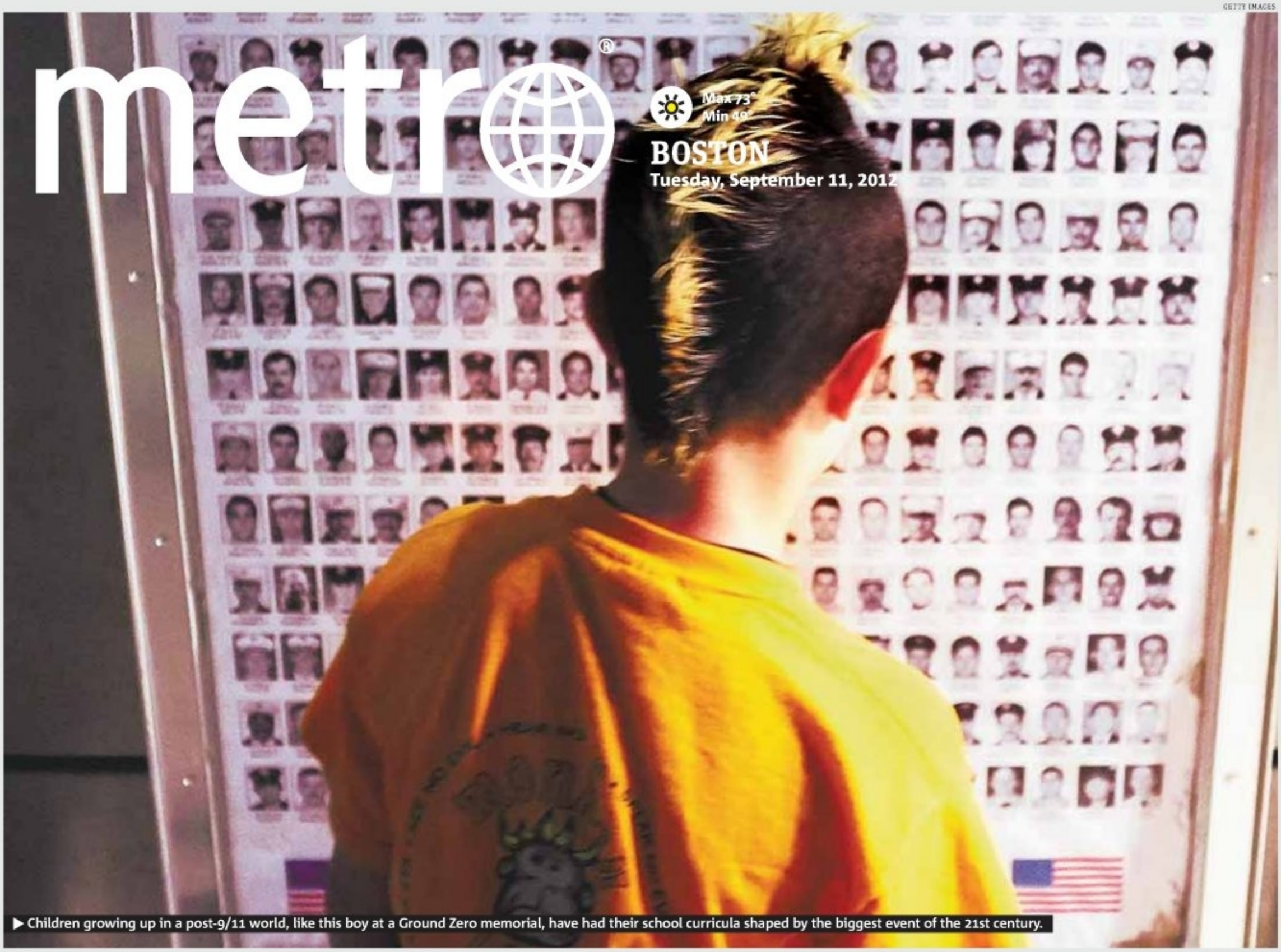

▶ Children growing up in a post-9/11 world, like this boy at a Ground Zero memorial, have had their school curricula shaped by the biggest event of the 21st century.

How will they remember?

Half a generation was born after 9/11 and must be educated about what happened ◗ Many say Boston students' knowledge is lacking ◗ Events scheduled today to make sure 'We Will Never Forget' {pages 02, 04, 05}

Remembering to 'never forget'

Kids born around 2001 rely on older generations to fill them in on that infamous day Some are calling for more education in the classrooms

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ Students exit Middle School Academy in South Boston yesterday.

It's been 11 years since the nation watched in horror as a terror attack jolted Americans, young and old, into a stark and dismal new reality.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the nation quickly adopted the mantra, "We Will Never Forget," but for thousands of young Americans born after or shortly before the attack, it's safe to say they never knew — and some still don't.

When asked about the attack, 12-year-old Helen Medina of South Boston said, "I don't even know what 9/11 is," but after hearing a few details, she made the connection: "Wait, is it when the Twin Towers fell? Osama bin Laden?"

Medina said the images scared her, and evoked feelings of sympathy. She also said she knew that thousands of people were killed, and that it was terrorism.

"I was terrified. It was scary. I felt so bad for the people who were in there."

However, she wasn't recalling a lesson from the classroom.

"I saw it on the Internet ... I saw it recently when I was 11. I saw it on YouTube," she said.

That's because Bay State public schools don't include 9/11 in their school curriculum until the 10th grade, according to Robert Chisholm, director of social sciences for Boston Public Schools.

"Generally it is a topic of study primarily in the upper grades. State standards includes Sept. 11 as a U.S. History II course. In the lower grades, it is not explicitly part of the curriculum," he said.

However, some education experts and Sept. 11 organizations believe that kids who are too young to have experienced the attack should receive more exposure to the information.

"It's pathetic what we do in terms of citizenship preparation," said Patrick McQuillan, an associate professor at Boston College's Lynch School of Education. "They're getting very little exposure to issues linked to social studies and history, especially in the elementary grades."

John Curtis, vice president of the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund Board of Directors, said that whether it's in school, or outside the classroom, education is key if we want to ensure a future that truly never forgets.

"In my mind it wasn't a tragedy. It was an attack, and it is important for future generations to recognize that these people attacked our homeland. I believe their goal was to kill Americans," Curtis said. "It could happen again, and we need to understand that. We need to make sure that we remember, and stay alert and aware so we don't get lackadaisical."

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"The goal is to try to make sure that not only young people today, but coming generations have an appreciation. Looking at the past 10 years, the first thing we were focused on was trying to help family members ... Now we've reached a point where we need to do something about education."

JOHN CURTIS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS 9/11 FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ABOUT THE GROUP'S WORK.

Time to have that talk?

Unless parents talk to their kids about the Sept. 11 attacks, children will not get a full lesson until high school. State standards mandate that the events of 9/11 are taught in U.S. History II, typically in 10th grade.

Some parents take the initiative

Standing outside a South Boston elementary school, Thomas Murphy held his 8-year-old daughter Salma's hand as she told Metro what she knew about 9/11.

"We talked about it, remember?" he said — and she did: "Planes crashed into big buildings. Bin Laden did it," she said.

"And who was he?" Murphy asked.

"A terrorist," she replied.

In the news

3,390

MBTA Transit Police reported yesterday that so far this year, officers have issued 3,390 tickets for fare evasion. Last year, transit police handed out a total of 3,412 fare evasion tickets. With fewer than four months left until the end of the year, Superintendent-in-Chief Joseph O'Connor said, "Clearly, we will eclipse last year's total. Our officers as part of their daily duties will continue to enforce fare evasion violations throughout the MBTA." METRO

Today's local tweet

"LOVING this crisp, autumn air in #Boston. Can't wait until its here to stay. Can't wait to open the windows and wrap up in warm blankets!"

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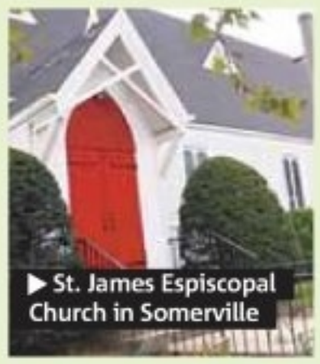
News in brief



▶ St. James Espiscopal Church in Somerville

Priest faces sex abuse charges

SOMERVILLE. A former priest at St. James Episcopal Church pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of abusing a boy who attended the church. The Rev. Paul LaCharite, 65, of Boston, pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to rape a child and indecent assault and battery on a child under 14. He was held on $10,000 cash bail, the Middlesex district attorney's office said.

The victim came forward last week and alleged that while he was an elementary school student and a parishioner of the church in the 1990s, LaCharite inappropriately touched him over a 10 year period. METRO

Pot advocate gives $465K

MASSACHUSETTS. Proponents of legalizing medical marijuana in Massachusetts have a huge money advantage over opponents of the 2012 ballot question.

Peter Lewis, the Ohio chairman and retired CEO of Progressive Insurance, has given $465,000 to the committee behind Question 3.

By contrast, the Vote No on Question 3 committee raised just $600 since January from two donors. SHNS

Gov. worried about EEE, West Nile virus

BOSTON. With two recent deaths attributed to EEE and West Nile virus, diseases transmitted by mosquitoes, Gov. Deval Patrick urged Massachusetts residents yesterday to use insect repellant and described his level of concern about the public health threat as "very high." The Department of Public Health has raised the threat level to "high" and "critical" in some communities. SHNS

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▶ The State House flag was lowered to half-staff on 9/11 last year and will be lowered again today at an 8:30 a.m. ceremony.

Despite 9/11 anniversary, pols pass on flag issue

Rep. Dan Winslow thought that the days leading up to the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks would be a good time to put into law a measure to honor police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

However, not everyone at the State House agreed.

Winslow put out the call last week in a letter to the chairman of the House Committee on Third Readings and urged the body to release "An act relative to flying flags at half-staff upon the death of a police officer or firefighter."

The bill would put into law that state flags must fly at half-mast when a police officer or firefighter is killed in the line of duty.

The Norfolk Republican also issued a news release Sunday in which he called on House members to act yesterday on the bill. However, the House did not take action during its 14-minute informal session.

The practice is generally followed, but is not part of law.

"I thought it would be an appropriate honor," Winslow said, adding that it might allow for Gov. Deval Patrick to have signed the bill on the actual anniversary of the attacks.

Winslow noted that the practice is "reserved for politicians." Current law only defines procedures for honoring current or former elected officials.

Patrick Administration Press Secretary Kim Haberlin confirmed that the administration flies flags at half-mast for police officers, firefighters and soldiers killed in the line of duty.

Material from the State House News Service was used in this report.

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Around town

Commemorate 9/11 today

Various organizations in Boston have planned events to commemorate 9/11 today.

▶ American Red Cross Day of Remembrance Blood Drive
6 a.m. to noon
Give blood at Fenway Park, Gate D, in honor of those who died on 9/11.

▶ Massachusetts 9/11 Fund Wreath Laying Ceremony
7:30 a.m.
Mayor Thomas Menino will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Boston Public Garden 9/11 Memorial

▶ Massachusetts 9/11 Fund Flag Lowering
8:30 a.m.
The flag will be lowered, a moment of silence will be held and the victims' names will be read on the front steps of the State House by Gov. Deval Patrick.

▶ Commemoration Observation and Sweeney Award Presentation
9:30 a.m.
State House officials and members of the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund will present the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for civilian bravery during a ceremony at the State House. Sweeney was an American Airlines flight attendant for 14 years until the plane she was on flew into the World Trade Center.

▶ Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund 9/11 Service Project
11a.m. to 2 p.m.
Gathering on Rose Kennedy Greenway, volunteers will help the Military Heroes Fund assemble 1,000 care packages, which will be shipped to military personnel from Massachusetts stationed around the globe. Gov. Deval Patrick, Mayor Thomas Menino and Attorney General Martha Coakley, plan to join the effort. Brief remarks will be given at 1 p.m.

▶ Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Tribute
11 a.m.
An interactive tribute will be on display on the Rose Kennedy Greenway near the Mother's Walk to honor the state's heroes who have died in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

▶ Prudential Tower Lighting
4:30 p.m.
Massachusetts Fallen Heroes members will join the city's commissioner of veteran's services and officials from Boston Properties to light the top of the Prudential Tower red, white and blue in remembrance of fallen military members.

▶ Mass. Fallen Firefighters Memorial Procession
5:30 p.m.
Uniformed firefighters, pipe and drum bands and honor guards will lead a procession starting on Beacon Street and ending at the Mass. Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ring of Honor at the State House.

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In the news

Companies use WTC as bargaining chip

NEW YORK. Companies renegotiating their property leases in New York are seeking lower rents by playing the World Trade Center card — threatening to move to the towers rising from the rubble of the 9/11 attacks.

Many brokers and landlords say they're just bluffing.

The WTC is struggling to fill its millions of square feet of office space at the southern edge of Manhattan amid a real estate slowdown all across the city. It is so bad that construction is set to be halted on two of the four towers planned for the WTC complex until tenants sign up. **REUTERS**

Anniversary of 9/11 marked as long-standing feud over museum construction ended

Eleven years after the September 11, 2001 attacks, New Yorkers will mark the anniversary today as a feud over financing appears to have been smoothed over — at least temporarily.

As part of an eleventh-hour deal reached last night, construction will resume again on the stalled 9/11 museum.

The National September 11 Memorial and Museum foundation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey reached a compromise last night to resolve a long-standing funding feud.

There were early disputes over financial, design and security issues, but a major sticking point was the museum at the heart of the World Trade Center site redevelopment. Construction had been suspended because of a feud over finances between the two entities.

The deal was broked by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

"Everyone agrees we want to build the museum," Cuomo said, according to the New York Daily News. "It's important. It will be important for generations to come. We want it done. We also have to do it in a way that is financially feasible."

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Overall redevelopment costs have grown to nearly $15 billion, up from $11 billion in 2008, according to a project audit.

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▶ Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2011

WTC fact box

- Two of four office towers planned for the site have been "topped out," which means the last beam has been set in place at the top. An above-ground memorial was finished in time for the 10th anniversary last year, and a transit hub is nearing completion.
- The memorial features giant reflecting pools in the footprints of the twin towers, which are surrounded by bronze panels inscribed with the names of the victims. The above-ground plaza with 400 oak trees has been visited by more than four million people since it opened one day after the 10th anniversary.
- One World Trade Center: The $3.8 billion tower should open in early 2014, about five years behind schedule. German architect Daniel Libeskind, the site's master planner, envisioned a twisting "Freedom Tower" whose height of 1,776 feet matched the year of U.S. independence. **REUTERS**

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Health. Opening

▶ Gov. Deval Patrick and Dr. Azzie Young cut the ribbon to the Mattapan Community Health Center yesterday.

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Dozens celebrate health center opening

State and city leaders were joined by neighborhood residents to celebrate the opening of the new Mattapan Community Health Center yesterday. The new $34 million, 59,000-square-foot facility doubles the number of patients that the old center could serve. Last year, the center served more than 7,500 people. The new facility includes expanded dental, pediatric and adolescent health services, plus, for the first time, onsite mammography services. METRO

MBTA's CuriosiTy Campaign offers facts on T's 115-year history

MBTA riders who may have pondered the transit agency's history should keep their eyes peeled this week for some new "CuriosiTy" cards inside subway cars and buses.

The cards will offer inside information on why the Red Line is red, who built the world's widest underwater tunnel in 1904 and how many miles T trains and buses travel each day, among other tidbits.

"Public transit in Boston has a rich history," said MassDOT Secretary Richard A. Davey in a statement. "We try hard to keep our customers up to date with the latest technology like mobile apps, mobile ticketing and our new countdown clocks. This CuriosiTy Campaign is a fun way to remind our customers that we've always had [an] innovative spirit."

CuriosiTy?
Harvard Station's vintage 1926 entryway lives on as a newsstand next to today's station entrance.
▶ This card will start to pop up on the T this week.

"We hope transporting them back in time ... will brighten their trip."
DAVIS

The campaign is part of the T's 115th anniversary celebration that has included the opening of the Charlie Card Store in Downtown Crossing, the T's official birthday on Sept. 1 and the first appearance of Charlie the mascot.

"Our customers are very engaged and knowledgeable about our present services," said MBTA Acting General Manager Jonathan Davis in a statement. "We hope transporting them back in time to the start of service in 1897 and some big milestones in between will brighten their trip."

All the CuriosiTy facts were researched by Christopher Lynch, a member of the MassDOT Performance Management and Innovation Team, a spokesman said. METRO/MR

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Setting aside the rhetoric, Obama, Romney to appear at Clinton's charity summit

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▶ The invitations to President Obama and Governor Romney for the 2012 annual meeting were extended earlier this summer.

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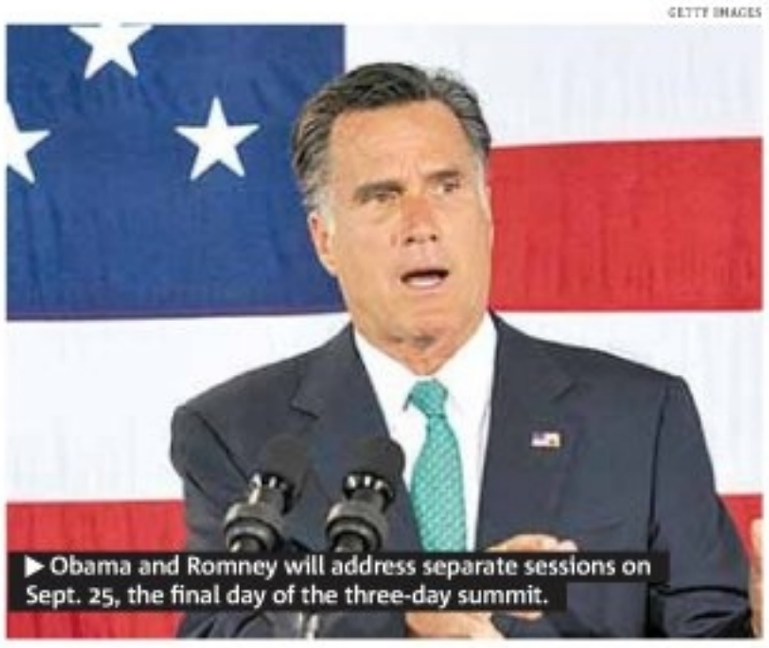

▶ Obama and Romney will address separate sessions on Sept. 25, the final day of the three-day summit.

President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney are expected to set aside their political differences later this month to speak at Bill Clinton's eighth annual philanthropic summit.

Obama and Romney were invited earlier this summer to attend the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), a summit official said, well before Clinton's Democratic National Convention speech last week where he gave a rousing endorsement of Obama and a detailed attack on the Republican presidential candidate.

Obama and Romney will address separate sessions on Sept. 25, the final day of the three-day summit in New York City that brings together heads of state, business leaders, humanitarians and celebrities to make commitments to tackle the world's woes.

It was not known what topics they planned to speak about.

"CGI is built on the spirit of non-partisan, cross-sector collaborations that drive action and I'm proud that, since we began in 2005, CGI members have made more than 2,100 commitments that are already improving the lives of 400 million people all over the world," Clinton said.

"I'm grateful that President Obama and Governor Romney are taking time to join leaders from all parts of society who choose to address our greatest global challenges through the Clinton Global Initiative."
BILL CLINTON

Clinton, who this week is due to campaign for Obama in the critical swing states of Florida and Ohio, gave point-by-point criticism of Romney and his vice presidential running mate, congressman Paul Ryan, during a prime-time address to the Democratic convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Clinton said Obama should not be blamed for the poor economy he inherited in 2009.
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News in brief

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With $114M raised, Obama barely edges Romney in August

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama's campaign and Democratic allies raised more than $114 million in August, narrowly beating Republican rival Mitt Romney for the first time in months as the race for the White House approaches its final stretch.

Romney and fellow Republicans said yesterday they raised more than $111 million in August, continuing a string of high-dollar hauls that leave him well-equipped to contest the Nov. 6 election.

While Obama shattered fundraising records in 2008 after becoming the first presidential candidate to opt out of a federal matching funds system, Romney has outpaced him significantly on the fundraising front.

That has added to a cash advantage on the Republican side offered by the success of outside "Super PAC" groups that have spent lavishly in support of the Republican candidate with unlimited funds from millionaire donors. **REUTERS**

+$3M

President Obama raised $3 million more than his rival Mitt Romney in August.

Anti-GOP remarks attributed to FAA managers spark election probe

WASHINGTON. Officials have launched an investigation into remarks by senior Federal Aviation Administration managers who allegedly told subordinates that Republican victories in November's election could lead to budget cuts and furloughs for FAA employees, a source with knowledge of the probe said yesterday.

Cause of Action called last week for an investigation of the remarks, saying they could violate the federal Hatch Act, which prevents executive branch civil servants from engaging in partisan political activity.

Cause of Action is a government accountability group led by Dan Epstein, a former congressional aide who has led investigations involving the community advocacy group ACORN, the National Labor Relations Board and labor union SEIU. **REUTERS**

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DELIVERING SOME TRUTH ON DEBT MESS

The Republicans are hoping you've forgotten last summer's debt ceiling crisis — the fight over raising the country's credit limit that cost the U.S. its AAA rating and increased its yearly borrowing costs by $1.3 billion. Last week, Mitt Romney blamed President Obama for the $55 billion in defense cuts scheduled to begin in January. But the Democrats are not responsible for this looming cut to defense spending, and the Republicans know it.

Last summer, Republicans refused to raise the debt ceiling unless every dollar was matched by a dollar of debt reduction. But Republicans refused to allow any of that debt reduction to come from raising taxes — only spending cuts. Faced with the threat of default and the global economic meltdown that would likely result, the Democrats reluctantly agreed.

Knowing that committing to specific cuts could be politically costly, our courageous representatives proposed the "Super Committee" — a small bipartisan group of 12 lucky members of Congress who would be solely responsible for choosing what to cut, thereby taking all the heat and shielding the rest of Congress from the ensuing political firestorm. To give the Super Committee cover to do their dirty work, Congress came up with an ultimatum, sort of a fiscal Mutually Assured Destruction. The Super Committee had to make those hard cuts because if they didn't, $1.2 trillion in cuts would be triggered automatically — half from defense and half from non-defense programs, including Medicare. The idea was that these automatic cuts would be so catastrophic that the Super Committee members would choose to fall on their own scissors rather than allow them to be triggered.

Quoted

" 12 lucky members of Congress ... would be solely responsible for choosing what to cut, thereby taking all the heat and shielding the rest of Congress from the ensuing political firestorm.

Of course, the Super Committee failed, and those automatic cuts loom ever closer. But given the absurd history of how these cuts were enacted, Romney's implication that the president favors them is transparently deceptive.

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A sneaky wedding for Reynolds and Lively

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Usually, people as famous as **Ryan Reynolds** and **Blake Lively** can't go grocery shopping without us snooping around their carts. But somehow, the impossibly pretty couple planned and executed an entire wedding over the weekend without us so much as getting a whiff of cake. (Our guess: They killed off the rare caterer who wasn't hypnotized by their sparkling eyes.)

On Sunday, Reynolds, 35, and Lively, 25, tied the knot just outside of Charleston, S.C. A number of details have finally trickled in — the Reynolds trance doesn't last forever — and it seems they had the kind of understated wedding that really works best when you're overly wealthy: a simple white gown (by Chanel), an outdoor reception (at an antebellum plantation) and music by close friends (**Bette Midler** and **Florence Welsh** of Florence + The Machine).

▶ We can't wait to see the beautiful babies these two will create.

It's the second time down the aisle for Reynolds — who divorced **Scarlett Johansson** in 2010 after two years of marriage — and the first for Lively, who, not to be outdone, briefly dated **Leonardo DiCaprio** last fall.

Now, we're usually a pretty cynical bunch over here, but we think these two have a real chance. Until those **Beckham** kids grow up, it's impossible they'll find someone with more perfect bone structure.

Stefani talks marriage

Gwen Stefani is celebrating 10 years of marriage with husband **Gavin Rosdale** this week, calling the milestone a "miracle."

"My biggest accomplishment is my marriage so far. Because it's hard, everyone knows it's hard," she says in the new issue of Marie Claire. "We're learning about each other all the time. He balances me out. And he never stops liking me, which is awesome! It makes me feel happy, that someone likes me as much as he does."

But did he bleach his hair out and wear bindis for you? Did he follow you through that awkward hip-hop phase in ill-advised high-tops? We didn't think so, Gwen. We didn't think so.

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How to cause controversy before your first episode

'The New Normal' is a goofy, biting, sweet sitcom that questions what 'family' means today Creator Ryan Murphy addresses critics of his show

Call "unconventional" families "normal" 🔥🔥🔥

Murphy credits shows like "Modern Family" and "Will & Grace," which both featured gay characters in committed relationships, for paving the way for his show. "Those shows changed views," he says. And while "The New Normal" is loosely based on Murphy's own life — "the show came about because my partner and I have been having conversations about surrogacy," he says — the sitcom also delves into every character re-examining his or her life.

Feature a close-minded grandma with no filter 🔥🔥

Nana Jane is a throwback to Archie Bunker — she says shocking, politically incorrect things and isn't bothered if she offends someone.

"['The New Normal'] in many ways is about tolerance," Murphy says. "When I was growing up, one of the most memorable times that I would have with my parents was watching 'All in the Family' and hearing people talk that way and then having a discussion: 'Was that good? Was that bad? What was that?' People will talk about things that [our] characters say, obviously, but I think that's a good thing."

Controversy meter
Cause a boycott 🔥🔥🔥
Trend on Twitter 🔥🔥
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Cast (gasp!) a "Real Housewife" in a scripted role 🔥

Murphy, a huge fan of the "Real Housewives" franchise, first cast Leakes on one of his other shows, "Glee." He remembers: "We were in the writers' room of 'Glee,' and we were writing a nemesis for Jane Lynch, and I said, 'You know what we need? We need somebody like this.' And I had seen NeNe on 'Housewives,' and I had also seen her take down Star Jones on 'Celebrity Apprentice.'"

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The plot

Single mom Goldie (Georgia King) moves to L.A. with her 8-year-old daughter (Bebe Wood) for a better life. There, Goldie becomes the surrogate for a gay couple, Bryan (Andrew Rannells) and David (Justin Bartha), who want to have a baby. Ellen Barkin stars as Goldie's prejudiced grandmother, Jane, and NeNe Leakes plays Bryan's assistant, Rocky. The conservative group One Million Moms announced a boycott of the show before the season premiered.

From left: Georgia King, NeNe Leakes, Andrew Rannells, Justin Bartha, Bebe Wood and Ellen Barkin star in "The New Normal," premiering tonight at 9:30 on NBC.

Quoted

"['The New Normal'] in many ways is about tolerance, and I think it's about a discussion of tolerance." RYAN MURPHY

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Keeping track of the 'Trainspotting' boys

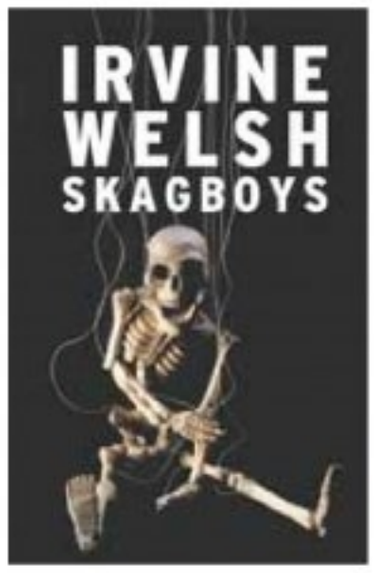
Twenty years after introducing the world to Sick Boy and friends, Irvine Welsh is back with a prequel Examining society and addiction

JEFFREY DELAHOY

"I wanted to write about how the changes in the society influenced people's lives in 'Trainspotting,'" says Welsh about his latest book, "Skagboys."

Describing himself as "pretty itinerant," Irvine Welsh rattles off the list of cities that he's called, to some degree, home: Edinburgh, Amsterdam, London, Manchester, Dublin, San Francisco. The Scottish author has settled down a bit in recent years, which gave him the opportunity to unpack a few old boxes, one of which contained 100,000 words he'd cut from "Trainspotting."

The result is "Skagboys," the new prequel that depicts the lives of Renton, Sick Boy, Spud and Begbie before and during their slide into the heroin addiction and other bad behavior memorialized in Welsh's first novel. The new book was written with nearly three decades' perspective. "In some ways it's really good because you've got this distance and wisdom about it all," Welsh says. "On the other hand, it's not right in your face. This is kind of a hybrid of the two because a lot of the stuff was actually written at that time, so I had the advantage of being right in the heart of it all and then getting to take a 20-year break and look back at it."



Much of that perspective is on Thatcherism and other elements of British political culture in the early '80s, which play a role in the characters' addictions. "I wanted to write about how the changes in the society influenced peoples' lives in 'Trainspotting,' but it seemed to be a bit rambling," Welsh recalls. "I don't think I had the experience and the writing chops to do that at the time. Getting to go back and look at the bigger picture satisfied that and satisfied my urge to work with these characters again."

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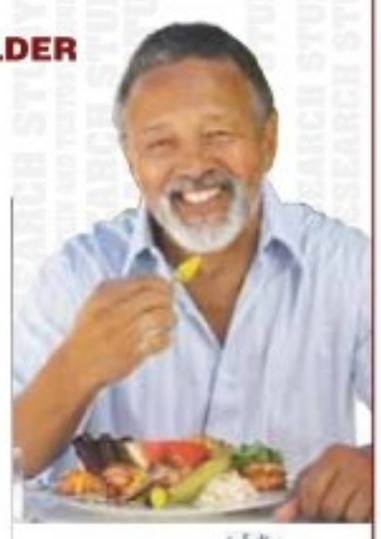

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Column raises Kane on how both sides treat female pols

RE: "LOVE'S LABORS LOST ON LEFT HATE-SLINGERS" (METRO, SEPT. 10) Thank you so very much for printing Gregory Kane's article about Saratoga Springs Republican Mayor Mia Love. Her convention speech was a "don't-miss"; she is a wonderful example of how bright women in power can remain women. Your article is likely the very first time that many Democrats have heard about her.
JANICE QUIRK, VIA E-MAIL

Greg Kane's news column made my Monday morning. It was a piece with a decent point that then went so far into hypocrisy and delusion land that it could only make me smile. I agree with the point that people should not be calling others such vile names for their political views. But since the "wrong-wing" conservatives "taught" the left how to do it, I find it funny that wrong-wing conservatives cannot take what they dish every day.

The wrong-wing conservatives used every name they could on Hillary Clinton and then cried when the same was done to Sarah Palin.

The wrong-wing conservatives have made threats of civil war and personal violence against liberals, including saying they wanted liberals too scared to come out of their homes to vote. A wrong-wing conservative even attempted to kill a congresswoman by shooting her in the head after wrong-wing politicians used gun targets on the faces of their opponents. Greg Kane has a decent point, but frankly it is also hypocrisy of a high magnitude.
DOUGLAS BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Jewish-looking faces? Thanks for the stereotype

RE: "DON'T WORRY — HE'S GOT A CUNNING PLAN" (METRO, SEPT. 7-9) I was confused by letter writer Jonathan Perry's letter to the editor about the GOP convention attendees not consisting of various ethnic groups, particularly about the lack of "Jewish"-looking faces, whatever that means. Jews don't have a set appearance, except to those who like to make stereotypes.

What those attendees probably had in common was a shocked look that, despite a weak economy, record-high federal debt, and the worst three-year record of employment since the Depression, Obama is slightly leading in the polls.
RON FALCON, VIA E-MAIL

Political chasm requires two to play

RE: "THE WORD TODDLERS AND THE GOP HAVE IN COMMON" (METRO, SEPT. 10) Letter writer Rachel Garber needs to open her eyes. "The GOP no longer compromises"? Neither side has compromised since 2006. If one side declares it night, the other side would disagree and claim it to be day, no matter the time of day. Also, in what vote did Romney vote against "a health care program that is virtually the same"? He's never held office other than being governor of Massachusetts.
REX A. BRYANT SR., VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Do not allow your friends to convince you to do something that you really can't afford. If you haven't got the funds, be smart and bow out.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you find yourself vacillating over some critical decisions, know that hesitation will only breed complications. Instead, trust your judgment and take bold action.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Usually you weigh both sides of an issue, resulting in a balanced judgment. Today, however, your thinking might be more self-defeating than farseeing.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Guard against inclinations to believe in everybody and to put your trust in those who cannot measure up to your expectations. If you fail to do so, disappointment is very likely.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If you don't have an equal say, you might end up in a situation that is something like a partnership, but not quite. Be very careful.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you cannot arouse enough enthusiasm to handle a tough assignment, you'd be better off temporarily postponing it until you can muster up enough eagerness to do so.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't get too deeply involved in a risky endeavor because, in all likelihood, Lady Luck will be taking a day off. Without her assistance, you aren't apt to swing it alone.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Should an old, unresolved family issue surface in front of others, do your best to quell it immediately, before it makes the entire clan turn nasty.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If someone comes up with a better way of doing something, don't be so quick to reject it. If you let your ego take command, you'll never improve.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Something significant can be learned about budgeting if you take some time to examine your financial situation realistically. Don't just bewail your failings — correct them.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Allowing dictatorial inclinations to dominate your thinking could cause you to assert your will on those over whom you have no authority, making you look like a bully. Don't let this happen.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't put any limitations on your imagination, nor allow others to do so for you. Be sure that the thoughts that guide your thinking and actions are focused on the positive.
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16 Fillet a fish
17 Convenes
18 Heat wave results
20 Caught sight of
22 Fjord
23 Growled viciously
26 Unfold, in verse
27 More open
28 Cager's coup (2 wds.)
3 Added brandy
34 Virginia caverns
35 Dazzle
36 Statutes
37 Consumer advocate
38 Keenan or Ed
39 DI, twice
40 Tall and lanky
41 Calf-length skirts
42 Running the show (2 wds.)
44 Curtis of cosmetics
45 Dog show org.
46 Fence stakes
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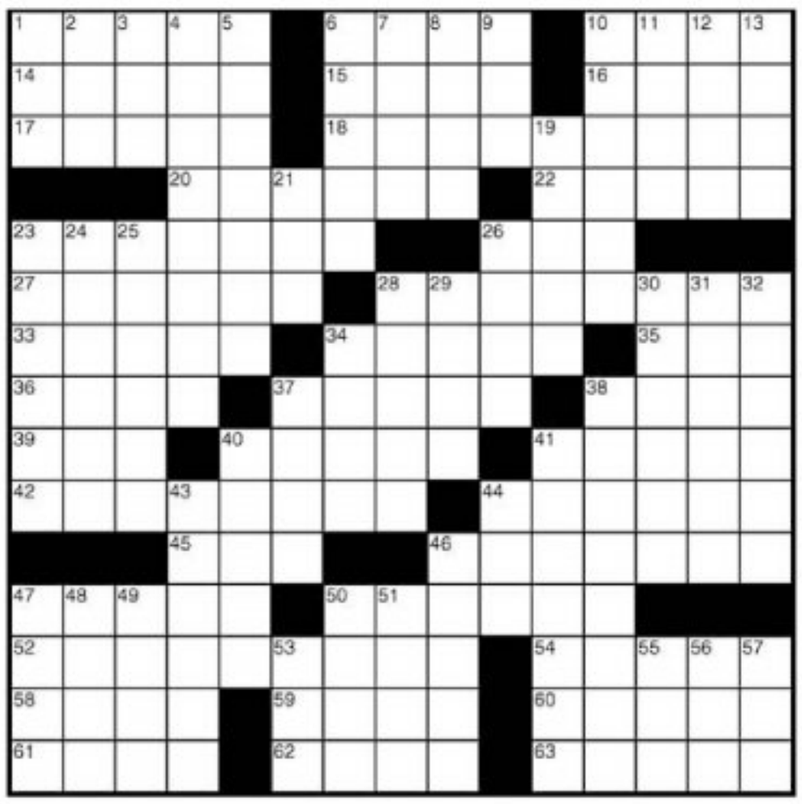

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Wherever you look in Bermuda, you see beautiful colors. From the pink sand beaches to the turquoise waters and the buildings painted in pastel hues, the island offers the perfect place to escape. With Bermuda only being a two-hour flight from the Northeast, it's an easy destination even for a long weekend.

Where to stay

The Reefs: Perched over secluded pink sand beaches, The Reefs is the ultimate relaxation spot. The resort has been around since 1947 and accommodates romantic vacations as well as family gatherings. There's something for everyone here — including those looking to invest in real estate. If you're thinking of making Bermuda a permanent vacation spot, The Reefs has now expanded to offer condominiums.
The Rosedon: For a more intimate stay, visit The Rosedon. Once an old mansion, the hotel offers a smaller, more quaint stay. Each morning, call the front desk to order your breakfast — every day it's a new dish — and they'll serve it to you either on the front deck, your personal balcony, your room or by the swimming pool. The hotel is a 10-minute walk from the main town of Hamilton, which offers a variety of shopping, restaurants and bars.

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▶ The Pompano Beach Club overlooks the south shore of Bermuda, which includes Horseshoe Beach.

In the news

Weathering the storm

Bermuda seems to have escaped the worst of Tropical Storm Leslie, as the storm is headed toward Canada. The island saw more than 4 inches of rainfall, but the Bermuda Police Service said there were no reports of any major damages or injuries. As of yesterday, Bermuda's airport remains open.

What to do

Check out the capital

Located on the north side of Hamilton Harbor, Hamilton is the capital of Bermuda and the island's financial center. The city has long maintained an architectural limit, where no building may obscure the Cathedral of St. Theresa's.

Spend an afternoon walking through Hamilton, especially on the waterfront, to get a feel of everyday Bermudian life. Stop in one of the many bars for a Rum Swizzle or shop at one of the many stores for a pair of traditional Bermuda shorts.

What to see

Crystal and Fantasy Caves

The beaches are gorgeous and the sunsets are stunning, but one of Bermuda's biggest treasures is underground. Visiting the Crystal and Fantasy Caves is a must. Two 12-year-old boys searching for a lost cricket ball accidentally discovered the caves in 1905. What the boys found were spectacular stalactites, stalagmites and deep, crystal-clear pools of azure blue water. The guided tour deep into the caves is breathtaking.

▶ Crystal Caves may have more beautiful water than the ocean.

What to drink

Rum Swizzle: Summer in a glass

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5 Top getaways for girlfriends

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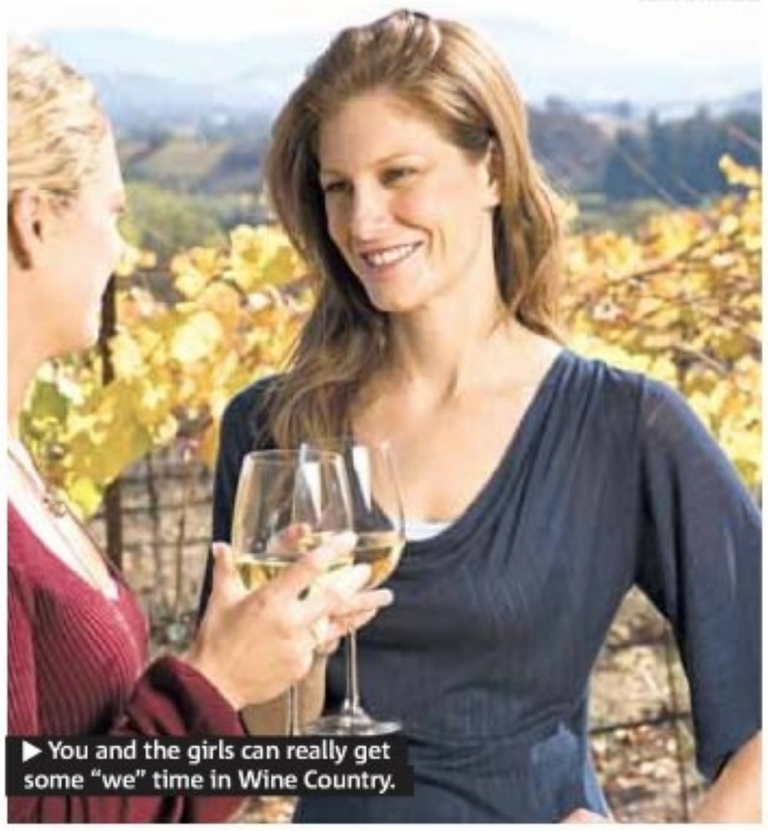


▶ You and the girls can really get some "we" time in Wine Country.

For all women in need of more than just a girls' night out, Cheapflights.com has suggestions for how to up the ante with its Top Five Girlfriend Getaways. Whether you and your friends want low-key, high-energy or old-fashioned hijinks, this list has you covered.

2 Piedmont, Italy: The home of Nutella, bold red wines and the Slow Food movement, Italy's Piedmont region is the stuff of (very good) dreams. Some of Italy's most impressive wines (Barolo, Barbaresco, Barbera, Dolcetto) and foods (white truffles, fritto misto) are produced in the northwest corner of the country, beckoning appreciators of fine dining to visit. Consider a bike tour with girlfriends. It's a scenic and calorie-burning way to see Piedmont's rustic towns and countryside.

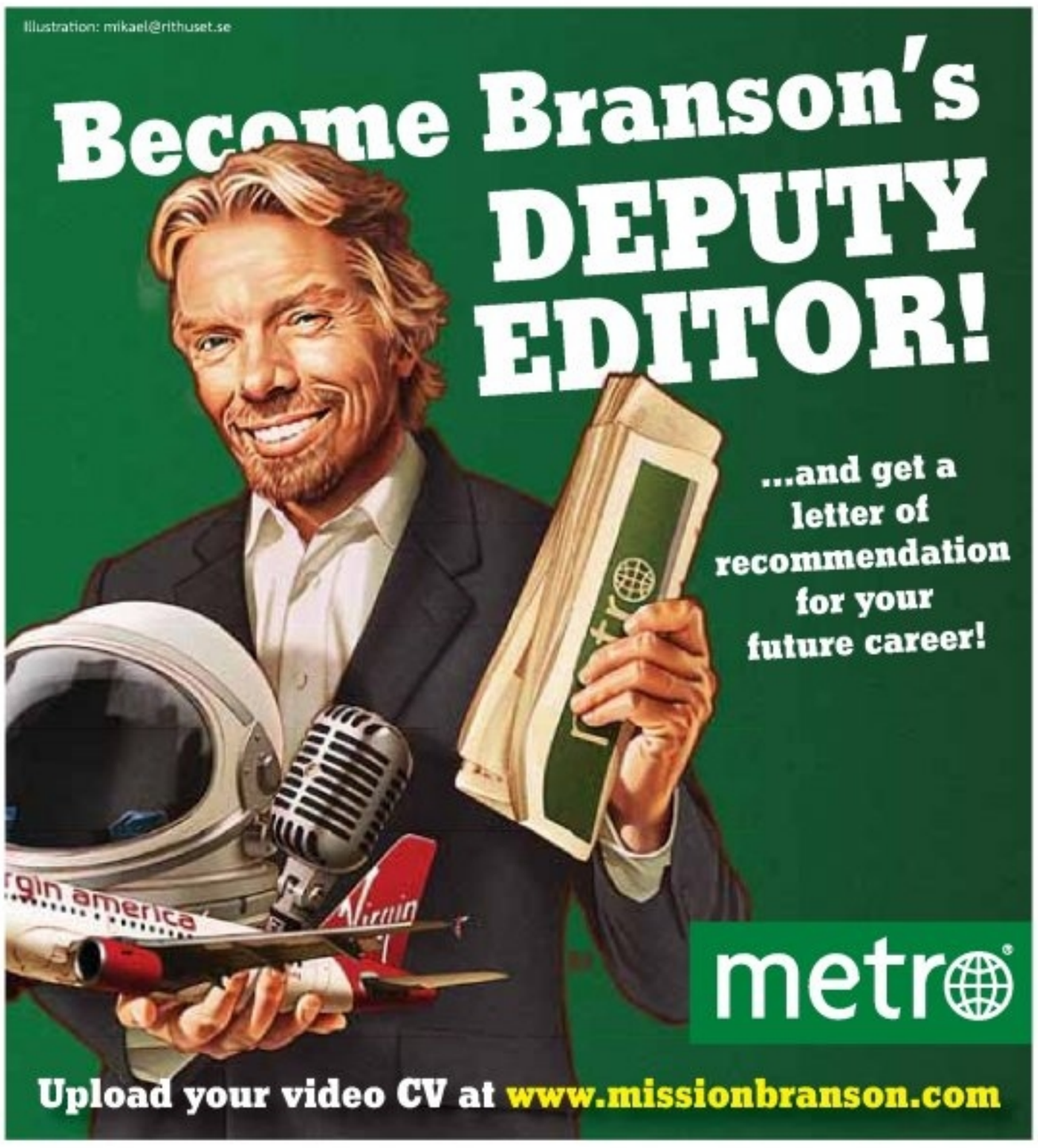
1 Wine Country, California

A short drive north of San Francisco, Northern California's wine region — comprising valleys throughout Napa and Sonoma counties — is an awe-inspiring retreat for wine and food lovers, outdoor enthusiasts and travelers looking for a full-body, vino-centric respite. Hire a car, visit vineyards, meet winemakers, nosh on culinary delicacies in quaint towns like Healdsburg and sip bubbly in one of America's most beautiful regions.

3 Las Vegas: Considered a boys' town by many (including Prince Harry), Las Vegas is a wonderland for ladies looking for a weekend away from it all. The world's most inspiring chefs are at the helm of four- and five-star restaurants along the Las Vegas Strip, a four-mile stretch in the center of town composed of hotels and casinos that range from seedy to swanky. Visit some of the more enticing landmarks — like the Bellagio or Wynn resorts and casinos — for unforgettable meals followed by high-caliber entertainment.

4 Hong Kong: For the friends who love to shop, a long haul to Hong Kong is well worth it. Collectors of antiques, electronics, high-end fashion, jewelry — basically any goods that women might want to buy — can be found in Hong Kong, which has no sales tax. The shopping possibilities are endless! Try your hand at haggling or browse stress-free at one of the many shopping malls and street markets (like the famous, appropriately named, Ladies Market).

5 New Orleans: There's no better place to relax and enjoy a slower pace of life than the Big Easy. Of course cocktails are in order, and, this being New Orleans, you'd be remiss not to order up a sazerac — possibly America's oldest cocktail, made of whiskey, sugar and bitters. Live music, also a must, can be found just about everywhere; places like Tipitina's, Preservation Hall and The Howlin' Wolf are among the many classic New Orleans venues here. REUTERS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Sorry Yankees, Sox already checked out

Yanks come to town tonight with rivalry as dead as it's been in nearly 20 years Even spoiler role won't get Red Sox fans excited these days

We're nearing October. The Yankees are in town. There's a chill in the night air.

These ingredients used to create one of the best three-day sports feasts in the world. Today, they create a heaping meal of irrelevance.

The Red Sox (63-78, 16.5 games out of AL East) might as well be out of sight and out of mind for the Boston sports fan at this stage. In case you haven't been paying attention (and judging by NESN's ratings of late, you haven't), Boston has won just five games since Aug. 17. The Sox are fresh off a sweep at the hands of "Señor Pipe Dream" John Farrell and the Toronto Blue Jays.

It's not just bad on Yawkey Way right now. It's, to borrow a word, "miserable."

Even the little things that used to make bitter Red Sox fans happy (i.e. beating the Yankees even when the home team was well out of the pennant race), won't do much to satisfy the masses right now. Even though New York is in a neck-and-neck battle with Baltimore (and Tampa Bay) for the AL East title, there would be a general feeling of "where was this all season!!!????" cynicism in town if the Red Sox were somehow able to sweep the Yankees this week.

The mood of the fandom has quickly gone from joy, due to last month's trade of three major contracts, to one of fear, due to lack of trust that management will make correct decisions going forward.

The Yankees, meanwhile, will likely look at the Red Sox this week as just another opponent. The interest in the "best rivalry in sports" hasn't been this low since, arguably, 1993 when the Sox went 80-82.

That chill in the air will make Boston baseball fans happy for one reason tonight — that being we're just one evening closer to the end of this "miserable" season.

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▶ Derek Jeter and the Yankees come to town tonight. In case you haven't noticed, there's zero buzz.

"I hate the Yankees. I don't want to waste this valuable time talking about the Yankees."

BOBBY VALENTINE ON THE RED SOX-YAKEES RIVALRY IN SIMPLER TIMES LAST DECEMBER

In the news

Brady nose best

Tom Brady would not confirm on WEEI radio that his nose was broken in Sunday's game against the Titans, instead noting that it was a "scratch," when compared to the injuries sustained to his teammates over the years. Brady said: "They just keep going out to battle, and you've got a guy like Logan [Mankins] who's got an injury [torn ACL] that every single other person that I've known misses the year and he has a Pro Bowl season."

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▶ Tim Thomas

Krejci wants Timmy back

There is still hope among some Bruins players that goaltender Tim Thomas will return to the Bruins.

"If he wants to take a year off, then he should do what he feels is right for him and his family," David Krejci told WEEI.com prior to a Bruins golf tournament in Bolton, Mass. "I respect that but I hope he's going to come back because he's, in my opinion, I think he left — I hope he's going to come back. If not, I think he left too early because he's still one of the best goalies in the league. It would be bad for everybody, for the league, for the fans, for himself and for us if he wouldn't [continue] his career. I haven't talked to him this summer, so I don't really have much to talk about."

Thomas' decision could turn out to be a moot point considering the NHL's collective bargaining agreement expires on Saturday and the NHLPA and NHL have yet to agree on a new deal. A work stoppage is becoming increasingly likely. METRO

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